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Special Service Bureau  
Dallas Police Department

Thru:  
Lieutenant Jack Revill  
Criminal Intelligence Section  
Special Service Bureau  
Dallas Police Department

SUBJECT: Criminal Intelligence (6)  
JACK RUBY DPD# 36398

Sir:

District Attorney Henry Wade received information from M.R. F. H. HAMILTON SR., who lives at 1718 NO. 48 TRAVIS STREET, LIBERTY, TEXAS, telephone number FR-6-3543 Area Code 713 that could possibly show a connection between JACK RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD. The following is a result of this investigation.

MR HAR IS E stated that he had received information that a guard named CABINNESS (fmu) of the Texas Prison system had a negro inmate under his supervision that knew JACK RUBY, and that Ruby had contacted this negro about moving Oswald from Dallas to California, prior to the assassination of President Kennedy.

TY C. CABINNESS, a guard at the Wynne Farm of the TDC, was contacted about the above mentioned negro. Cabinness stated that he knew nothing about this negro. Cabinness stated that what he had said was misconstrued and that the man we (the undersigned officers) wanted to talk to was B. J. BYRNE, JR. aka N. W-M, who is an inmate at the Wynne Farm.

Simons stated that he had known Ruby for a number of years and that he always thought that Ruby was a communist. Simons also stated that the negro in question was MERLE L. PATTON, c-m, 180, 169432. Patton told Simons that he had worked for Jack Ruby at the Vegas Club before he went to the penitentiary. Simons stated that Patton said nothing of Ruby asking him to move Oswald to California.

Simons stated that a HILTON TURLINGTON (phonetic), probably knew Ruby better than anyone. Simons stated that Turlington is or was a policeman in -zaxachachie, Texas.

Icons further stated that JACK RUBY is a very close personal friend of O. L. HOLMES who lives in Dallas, Texas.

Respectfully submitted

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OFFICERS COMMENTS: MCKINLEY PATTON DPD # 43460 was released from the Texas Department of Corrections November 30, 1963. The undersigned Officers have all known addresses of PATTON's relatives and PATTON will be located and interviewed about his connections with JACK RUBY.